



STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: October 20, 2015

Agenda Item #: 11

TO: Mayor and Town Council
FROM: Lisa Joyner, Chief of Police
THRU: Susan Parker, Town Administrator
RE: **Amendment for § 94.02 Noise Ordinance**
ATTACH: Current Noise Ordinance
Brunswick County Noise Ordinance
Proposed Noise Ordinance Amendment
Cost Projection

Summary: The overall goal of the proposed Ordinance Amendment is to recognize that excessive and unnecessary noise endangers the physical and emotional health and welfare of the people, interferes with legitimate business and recreational activity, increases construction cost, depress property values, offends the senses, creates public nuisances, and in other respects reduces the quality of life.

Background: Our current ordinance lacks certain specifications that would allow us to better regulate noise complaints.

Fiscal/Policy Implication(s): The cost and training of Certified Sound Level Meters.

Recommendation: Move to accept the Noise Ordinance that incorporates a “plainly audible” standard that will apply to a large majority of our noise complaints, the need for equipment and specialized training will be eliminated. There have been only 19 calls for Noise Ordinance Violations from January 1, 2015 to present. All violations were resolved with a verbal warning and no further action was needed.